

[26th February, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

**Rampant corruption in DDA**

**†512. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:** Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is rampant corruption in Delhi Development Authority and the people of Delhi want to get rid of this organisation;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering to take some concrete steps in order to eliminate the corruption in this organisation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):** (a) to (c), No, Sir. The Government has been consistently emphasizing the need to step up action against corruption through both preventive and enforcement measures aimed at reducing the scope for corruption; bringing in greater transparency and accountability; focussed attention to sensitive areas such as property-related matters, illegal and unauthorised constructions and encroachments, etc.; and effective action against those found guilty of malpractices. In this context, measures have been taken in DDA for strengthening the Management Information System for monitoring the progress of operations like conversion of properties from leasehold to freehold, sanction of building plans, issue of allotment / possession letters; streamlining of procedures for restoration / allotment of flats; computerisation including use of computers in draw of lots; organisation of bi-weekly Public Hearings by officers of the Director's level and above, etc.

DDA have reported that major penalty in 106 cases and minor penalty in 242 cases have been imposed during the period January, 1998 to January, 2001.

**Sub-letting inquiries of press-pool quarters**

**513. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:** Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 87 given in Rajya Sabha on 20th November, 2000 and state:

- (a) whether the said subletting inquiries were conducted on the basis of anonymous / pseudonymous complaints;

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<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.